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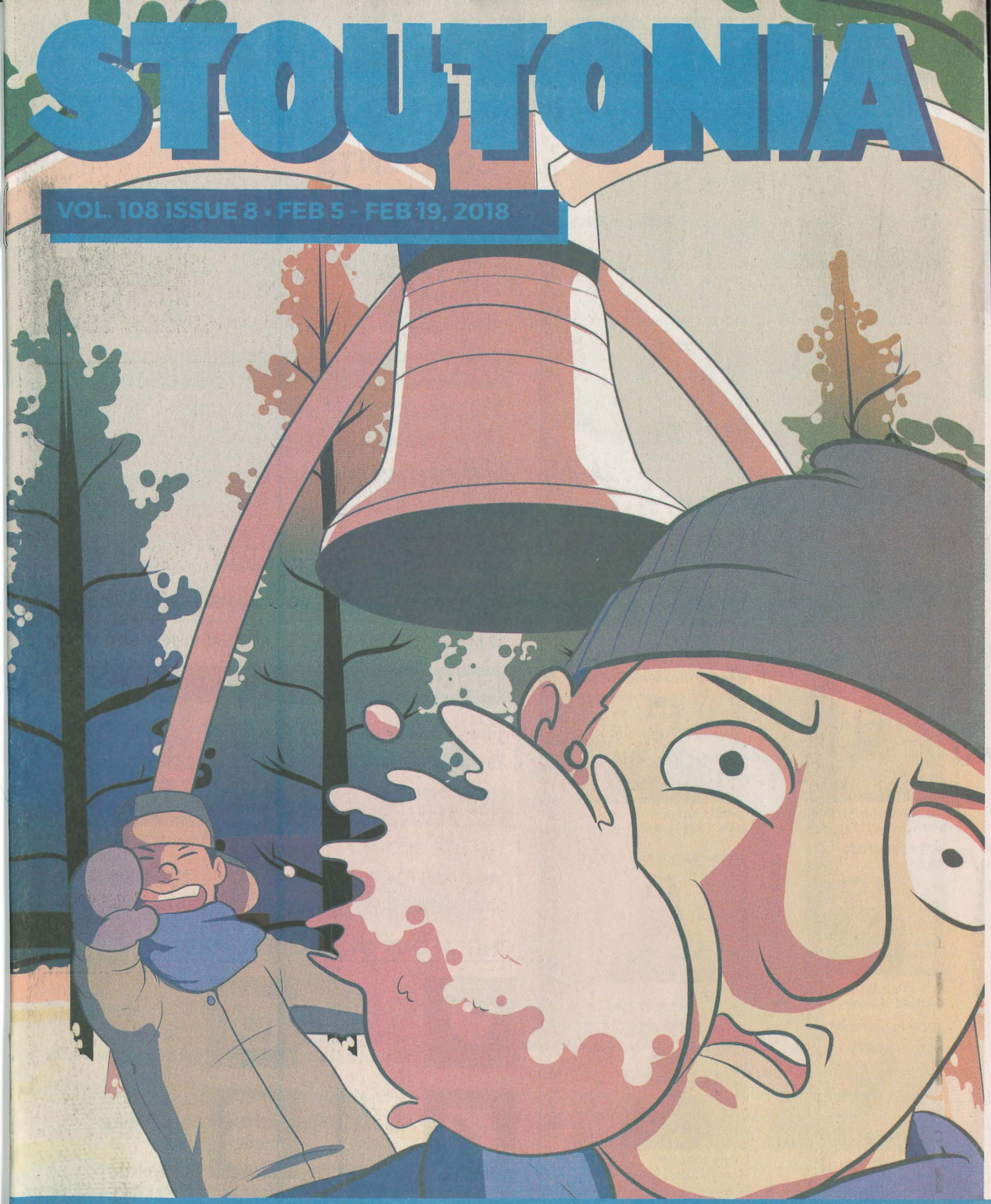

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A shot of North Campus from student Ben Schugel and his handy drone. He is the first student feature of 60 Seconds with Stoutonia, which is a new Stoutonia video series. Schugel is a junior studying applied math and computer science with a focus in cyber security. Schugel is a tech fanatic and is always looking for the latest new gadgets, including his most recent fascination with drones.

COVER BY ADRIAN PERALES

There's nothing better than coming into an early morning class on a cold winter day than being pelted with a nice slushy snowball. It's the calm before the storm of homework and exams, but honestly it's starting to sound a lot more preferable than the snow.

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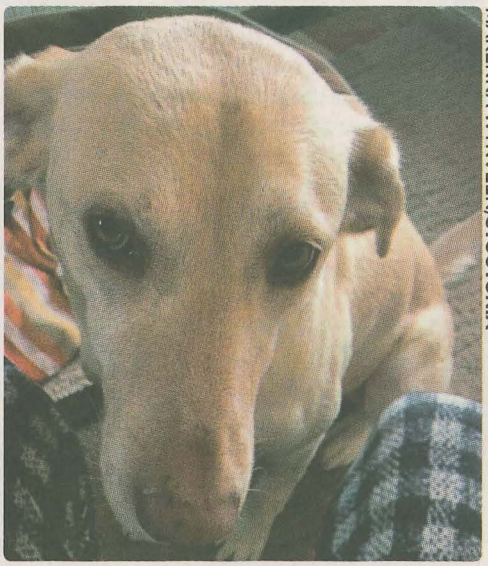

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POLL RESULTS: DO YOU LIKE THE NEW UW-STOUT WEBSITE?

University of Wisconsin-Stout recently launched the redesign of their website. Not only did the previous site get a makeover, the redesign included the addition of both One Stop and the Stout Cloud Directory.

YES

"It is exponentially better than the last one. When I was committing to come here as a freshman, I remember the original website being super frustrating and it was impossible to find information on the school. Glad to see the improvement!"

- UW-Stout Student

NO

"The reason I am not fond of it is that the search engine in the website does not work that well. It has a gorgeous design, but I would like for the website to have a lot of options in it."

- UW-Stout Student

NEUTRAL

"This is a really uninspiring User Interface, but it is better than the trash-fire that was the last website redesign."

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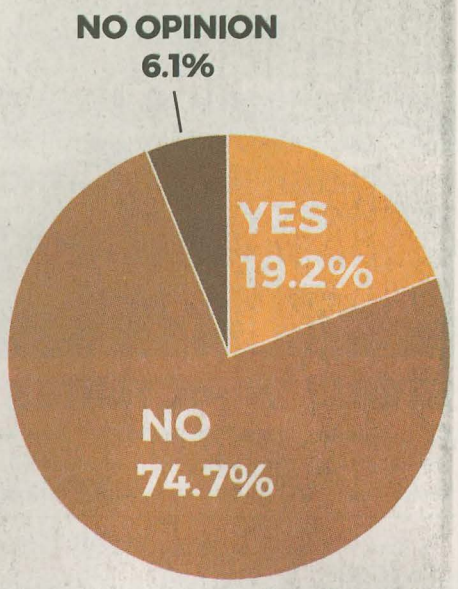

The survey lasted for 4 days and was conducted online. It was primarily advertised on Campus Life Today and social media. The results are a product of 99 responses. Of the results 91 were students, 6 were alumni, 1 were faculty and 1 were non-affiliate.

NEXT POLL

Stoutonia's bi-weekly student poll; Read the prompt, then head over to one of our social media sites to vote and give your opinions.

Do you think DREAMERS should be provided a path towards citizenship?

Since the DACA program was terminated by President Trump in September, 2017, DREAMERS may be deported after the expiration of their legal protection by the government as undocumented migrants. The current deal regarding DACA will likely not reach a debate until the week of Feb. 12.

Make your voice heard! Vote on social media and be sure to share.

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PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT: JENNIFER ASTWOOD

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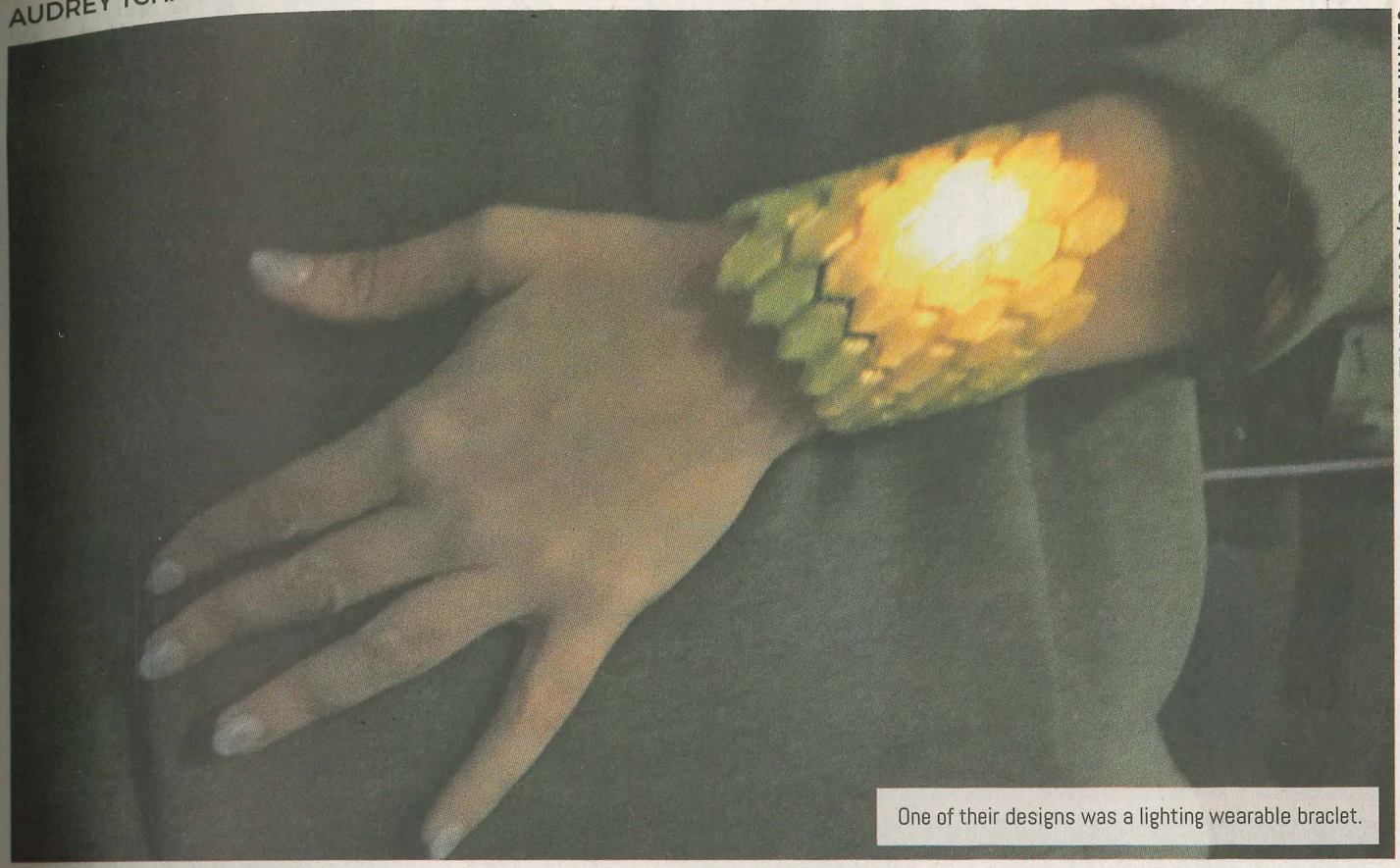

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One of their designs was a lighting wearable braclet.

Jennifer Astwood, an industrial design program director and professor, has been working hard on a collaboration project with the National University of Science and Technology (NUST) in Moscow, Russia. Her story has caught the attention of many in Menomonie, and now it's being shared here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Astwood has been teaching industrial design at University of Wisconsin-Stout for 11 years and started working with NUST over two years ago. "Industrial design is producing all designed objects; furniture, lighting, cars, you name it," said Astwood. When the project first started a year and a half ago, she said that they began their work with lighting. They decided to do things a little differently and started working on a wearable design, and then began designing clothes and accessories with sensors that will illuminate the person wearing them.

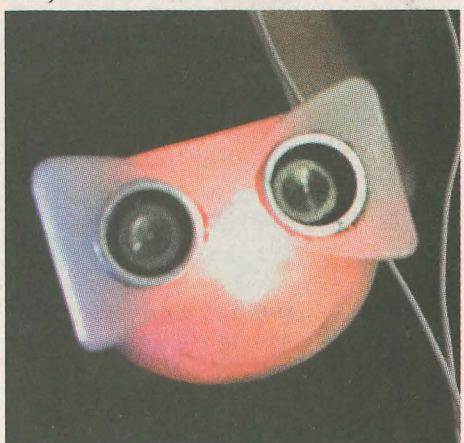
"The theme is conspicuity; clothes or accessories that have sensors to light you up. The idea is the ability to be seen using wearables. For example, let's say a child was walking out at night and there is a moving car or bike coming its way. The sensor can detect from a certain number of yards where the car is, and once it's close enough, it will illuminate the child. Once that happens, the car can see the child walking," explained Astwood. Recently, she and her fellow Russian colleagues have been working on creating garments that involve stitching plastic onto fabric.

Astwood has worked with scholars Yaroslava Barmenkova (who has worked at NUST's fabrication laboratory, or Fab Lab, and now currently works with transportation in Moscow), Vladimir Kuznetsov (head of NUST's Fab Lab) and Azmat Tavitov (a NUST instructor). "The key about our partnership with Russia is that we're exposed to different things. We are being exposed to new procedures during the design process, and it's truly an exchange of ideas and procedures during the entire project," said Astwood. Not only does Astwood exchange ideas with these Russian scholars, but other faculty and students from UW-Stout as well.

"There is a two-week [international] experience in industrial design that students get to experience in Russia. It's a workshop where students get a taste of what industrial design is really about," said Astwood.

Astwood will be going abroad this summer to Russia to continue to work on this project. "We always have this bad perception of Russia due to our history with them, and I find that having students coming abroad with me [helps them] have a global perspective and see Russia in a different light," said Astwood, "This has been a recurring project, and I hope it never ends."

All students are invited to come study abroad with her. If you want more information, contact her by email or go to the Office of International Education in Harvey Hall, room 70. ●



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Astwood and her team created wearables for all ages, even a child wearble (above).

GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR CAMPUS

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The Niche has been open for 45 years and 16 student-employees do buying for the store.

Just because it's second semester doesn't mean it's too late to enjoy all that the University of Wisconsin-Stout offers. Here are some great ways to get involved on campus.

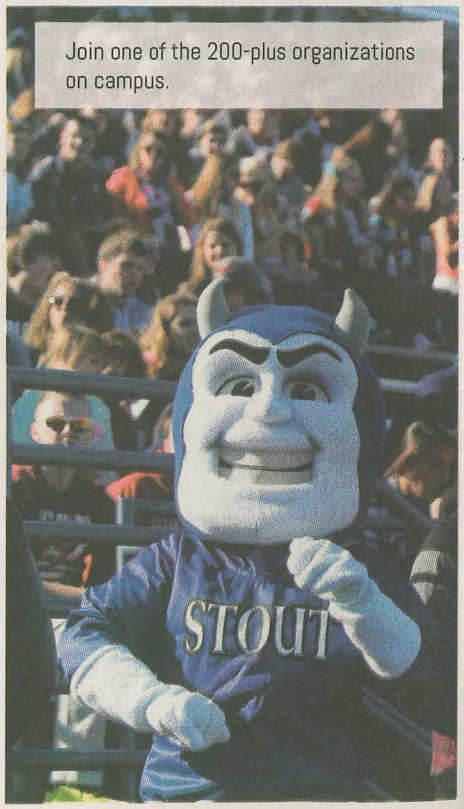
Visit the Involvement Center in the Memorial Student Center: Last semester you might have missed out on opportunities to get involved on campus or were more interested in getting to know the people in your dorm building. Maybe now you want to see what else is out there, but aren't sure where to start. The Involvement Center staff members will sit down with you one-on-one to help you find your perfect fit.

Join an Org: There are many reasons to join a student organization; work experience, hobbies or academic standing, to name a few. One of the best reasons to join is to meet new people. Joining an org allows you to interact with individuals outside of your program who share similar interests as yourself. Student orgs also host events and activities weekly, so you won't ever have to worry about being bored. There are 200+ orgs at UW-Stout, and one of them is bound to be the one for you.

Participate in Intramurals: Whether you just enjoy sports or didn't want the commitment of the school team, intramurals are a great option. Join a current team or start your own with a group of friends. There are plenty of activities to choose from throughout the semester.

Attend School Functions: The university puts on a wide array of events all year. Orgs like Blue Devil Productions host concerts, comedians and free movie nights. The School of Hospitality frequently puts on dinners inspired by other types of cuisines where you can grab a fancy meal for a low cost. You can even experience the cultural diversity on campus at events like the Hmong New Year and International Night. With all that is going on, there should never be a dull moment.

Utilize Campus Facilities: UW-Stout has a wide variety of facilities that are available for their students to use. Of course, there is the gym, but there are also other unique experiences like the climbing wall and agility course. You can also rent equipment from University Recreation (UREC) in the Health and Fitness Center to create your own experiences. Take advantage of the billiards tables in the MSC and even go shopping at the student-run store The Niche in Heritage Hall. ●



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HIDDEN COST OF LAPTOP THEFT

ERIC KRAUSE

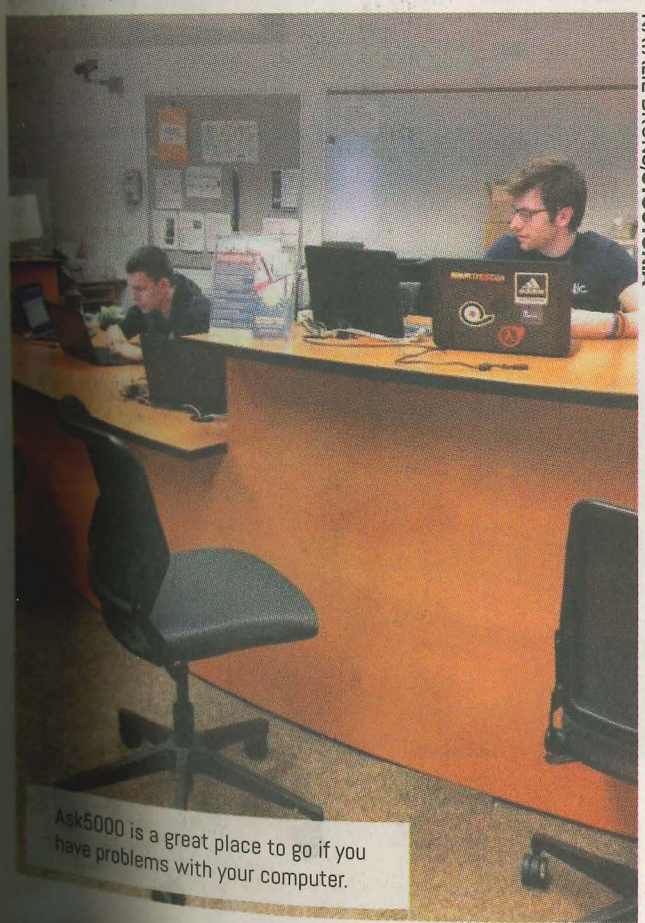
Students at University of Wisconsin-Stout are questioning the ethicality of the eStout laptop agreement. In Rule 13 of the agreement, it reads, "I [the student] am responsible for a $400 fee and may be charged a laptop replacement cost in case of theft, loss or destruction of the computer. Charges will be added to my University Account." This $400 fee has been charged in every instance of a stolen laptop. The only reason the fee is ever waivered is in the event of a student's death. Susan Traxler, Stout's Chief Information Officer, said "The $400 fee is a deterrent fee...[that helps] to pay for the loss of the laptop." Most students agree that it makes sense to charge the student for the loss or destruction of a laptop, but if a laptop is stolen, that student should not be charged $400 for an unavoidable incident. UW-Stout student Vincent Strack had his laptop stolen and tried to get the fee removed from his account.

Strack, a senior and business administration major, had his laptop stolen out of his car on the night of Oct. 9, 2017. He reported his laptop stolen to the Technology Help Desk on Oct. 10. He also gave them the written police report about his stolen item. The Help Desk employees then issued him a replacement laptop.

On Oct. 12, Strack received an email from UW-Stout financial specialist Joan Wahl stating that he had a $400 fee placed on his student account. Strack did not understand why he was being charged a fee for his laptop being stolen. He emailed Wahl about the issue, which is when she pointed out Rule 13 of the eStout laptop agreement. Strack then met with Wahl and Traxler to discuss the fee and the problem with the policy.

Strack expressed his grievances and explained that he felt that this system was wrong and should be changed. Strack said, "I wanted to be refunded because this policy is wrong. [The policy] is set up to basically kick you when you are down." In the meeting, Traxler addressed that this incident has shed light on the vagueness and problems of the policy and that they needed to work to amend it. Strack brought up the idea of tracking software as a way to help solve this issue. Traxler agreed that this was something that they could think about implementing.

After the meeting, Vincent Strack said that he felt unheard and he decided to email the chancellor to further pursue this matter. He met with Chancellor Bob Meyer and Joan Wahl on Dec. 8. Strack said, "The meeting was decided the instant I got there. [...] They're perfectly comfortable with losing a laptop and charging the student for it." Strack has also been charged a late fee on top of the $400 because he did not pay the fee in a timely manner. The chancellor told Strack to contact his insurance company and that they could possibly help with the costs. Traxler elaborated that in the past, "A few students [...] have taken their eStout contract to their homeowner's insurance, in cases of theft, to see if it would pay the $400 fee." ●



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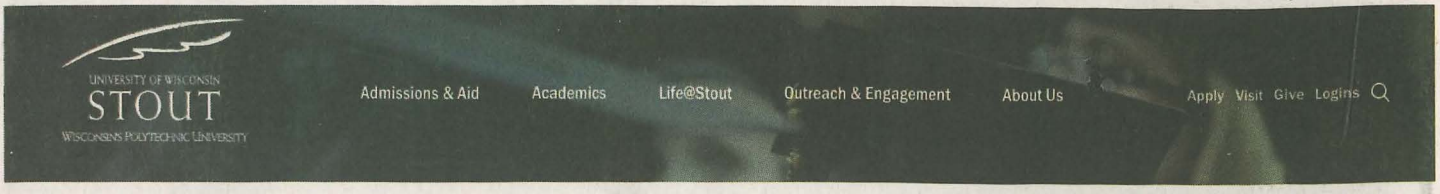


The University of Wisconsin-Stout has recently launched its new website in both desktop and mobile formats. The first part of the new website went live on Jan. 23, and more pages have been steadily updating ever since.

The Web Oversight Committee explained in an email to students and staff that the website is being launched in three phases. According to the email, the site is being launched in phases because "[the UW-Stout website] has more than 10,000 pages to migrate." The first phase was what was launched on Jan. 23, and launch dates for phases two and three have not been announced yet.

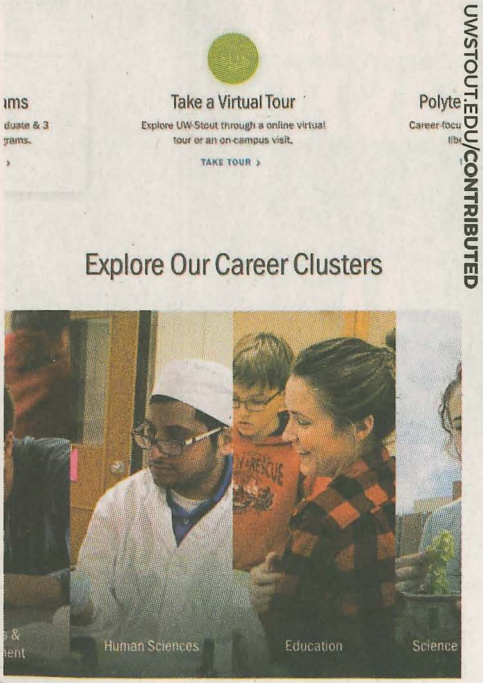
Currently, any links that have not been migrated onto the new site, specifically for certain departments or majors, will link back to UW-Stout's old website. At first glance, it looks like the site caters more towards current high school juniors and seniors that are considering the university and incoming freshmen. However, everything current students need is also housed on the site, although things may have moved. Pages that most students will frequently access, like the logins page and housing gateway, were part of the first phase update and are correctly linked on the new site.

The changes on the website are, overall, cosmetic. In the email previously mentioned from the Web Oversight Committee, they stated that they feel the campus will find the new website "much more appealing, useful and engaging." The website is a cumulation of two years of work so far.

But how do students really feel about this website? Stoutonia reached out to Phillip Kukura, a second-year student, for his thoughts. "Being a second-year student, I had time to get used to the old website, so the new site was a big change," he said, "However, I feel like it is simple enough to navigate, and if you don't know where to find something, the search bar is a useful tool. The color scheme is a great combination of the Stout colors, and the modern design will help the incoming students navigate it much better than I ever could."

Not everyone shares Phil's feelings, though. Some students on campus have expressed frustration with the new website. Bailey Bataille, also a second-year student at Stout, said, "[the website] is not helpful because all it brings up is news articles most of the time. It's confusing because it doesn't have a directory that shows what's on the website, like helpful and commonly used links. It's more confusing than sitting down in what you think is an 8 a.m. geometry class and the professor starts speaking in French." Bailey is also an RA on campus, and she shared that she recently struggled with finding the page on the new website with instructions for how to connect her RA printer to her laptop. It took her over an hour to find the page she was looking for, and she said it took "an awful lot of digging" for something she found quickly on the old website.

If you have any praise, critique or general feedback for the web design team, the UW-Stout website has a "site feedback" button that is always in the lower right of the screen. If you'd like to share your thoughts, you may voice them there. ●



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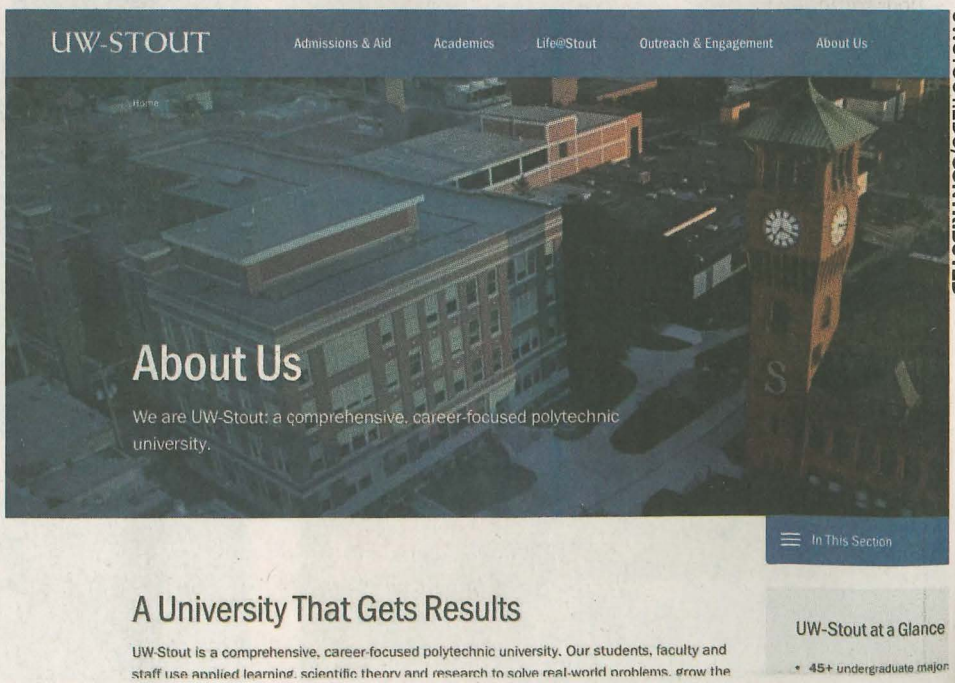
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WATER DAMAGE ON CAMPUS

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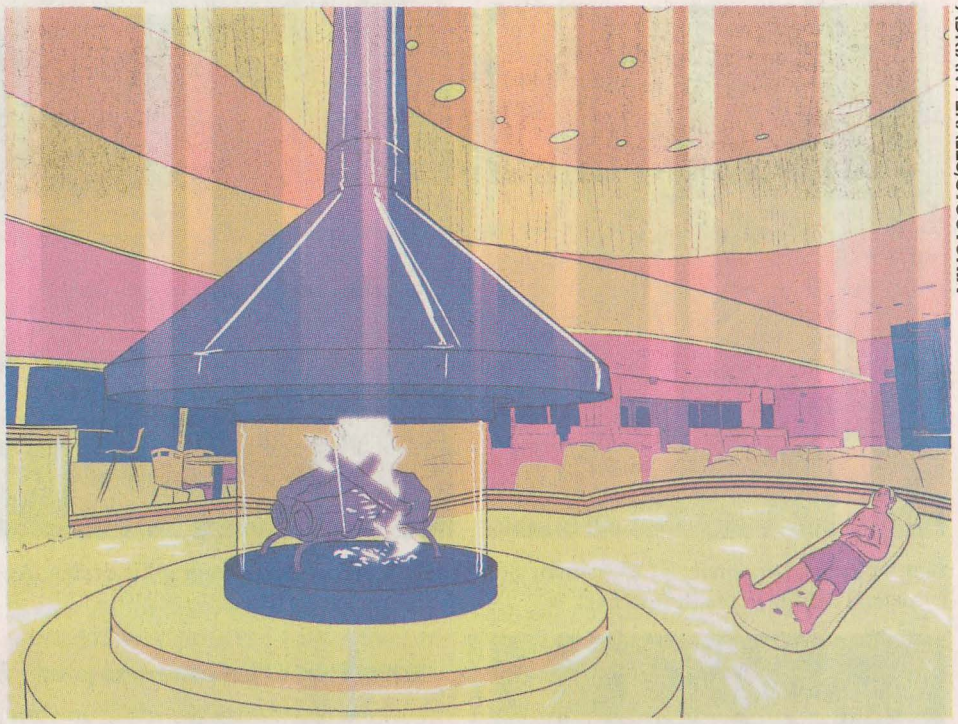

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Most students are familiar with the water damage caused by a water faucet on the third floor of Jarvis Hall last semester, but what many students may not know is that the University of Wisconsin-Stout has had a history of water problems within the recent year.

The issues began in June 2017, when a pipe fitting in a lab sink failed in Jarvis Hall. Floors one, two and three were all affected by water damage. The sink has since been repaired, but the drying and repairs took one month to complete.

Following the incident in June, there was another failed pipe fitting on a steam line in the Communication and Technologies basement in August. The pipe was quickly fixed, but the drying took about two weeks to complete.

"2017 was a bad year for water damage. Usually we have about one water incident a year," University of Wisconsin-Stout's Director of Safety and Risk Management, Jim Uhlir, said, "But our insurance covers things like this."

Along with the steam line failure, a limestone neutralization tank also failed in Jarvis Hall. The tank has since been altered, and the drying took about a month to be finished.

Following this was the damage caused by the faucet in Jarvis Hall in November. The drying after this incident took about two months.

The final and most recent incident occurred during December in the Memorial Student Center (MSC). Some fire sprinklers froze, and this caused the first and second floor to flood and suffer water damage.

The repair, insulation and drying of the sprinklers took about three weeks. Some repairs are still being finished.

"The history of pipe issues is not that old," UW-Stout Vice Chancellor, Philip Lyons, told Stoutonia.

Since Jarvis Hall science wing's construction in 2009, the history of water and pipe problems within the building only recently began.

"We have not experienced any problems since we identified a dead end pipe issue," Lyons stated, "That issue was a design flaw in the new section of the science wing."

UW-Stout students hope that the damages will stop happening soon.

"I think that it's ridiculous that it continues to cause so much trouble," said Hannah Gilkey, a sophomore majoring in special education. "I hope they figure out a solution soon so that we don't have to keep throwing money at temporary fixes and instead spend it on something else for Stout."

"I think it sucks, especially for the people who have to clean up the water and the students that the water damage is affecting," Amy Popp, a sophomore majoring in professional ommunication and emerging media, said. "I hope that with the upcoming renovations that this problem will be solved."

"We can't have classes in rooms that flood or get ruined through extensive water damage," Bridget Pionkowski, a sophomore in the entertainment design, said, "I hope it gets solved with renovations and that it isn't overlooked during future renovation opportunities."

Soon, the repairs from the recent damages in the MSC will be complete. There have been no new water damages on campus as of the new year, and UW-Stout students hope that this stays that way. ●

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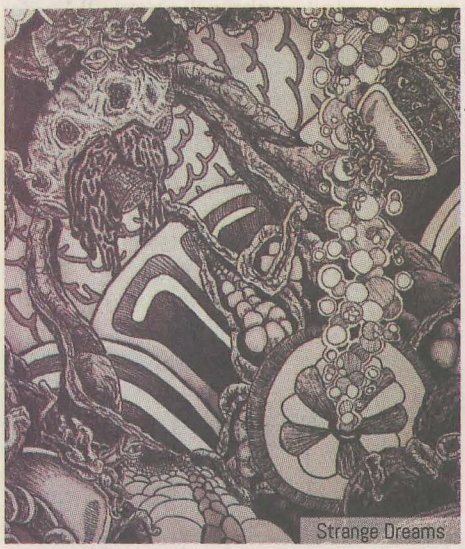

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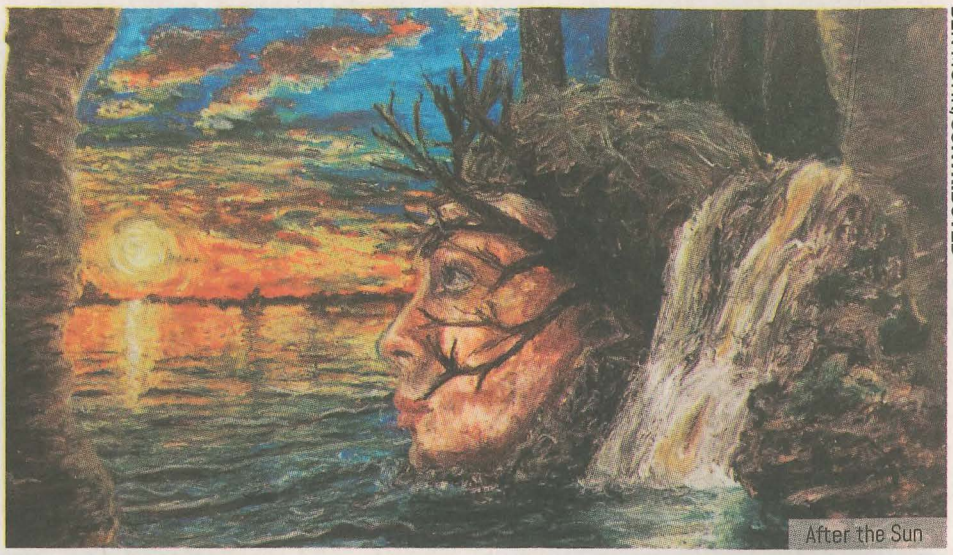

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After the Sun

Ben Mohr is a University of Wisconsin-Stout sophomore majoring in graphic design. As of now, he is writing songs and creating works in several different mediums of art. ●

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Hertfordshire Wall #1

What art class have you enjoyed the most?

"So far, I think that the art class that I enjoyed most during my time at Stout was my Drawing II class with Carey Dean. I was given the opportunity to make a few creative pieces (in addition to the usual still life drawings) and even do some on-sight drawings within the Mabel Tainter. I also discovered my love of oil pastels (currently my favorite medium) while in this class."

What kind of art interests you?

"I'd say 2D art is the kind that interests me the most. I like that when one is working with a two-dimensional medium, one doesn't necessarily have the same restraints to reality as a three-dimensional medium would have. It gives one the liberty to make something totally wonky and out there on a whim really. That's not say that out-of-the-box work can't be done with a three-dimensional piece, but there's a certain ease to 2D work that exists for me."

Are you working on anything right now?

"I am currently studying abroad in the UK, with one of my classes being a fine art studio class. I'm quite excited about this class because I get to choose all of my own projects throughout the course - a liberty that I have never had before. I am currently working on a project that explores the variations of color within and without an environment."

What are your strengths as an artist?

"I find that my strengths as an artist largely reside in my use of color and texture within my work, and I try to push these to the limit as much as possible when I'm working on a drawing. Overall, I'd say that I have a very impressionistic style (one of my favorite artists is Claude Monet), and I'd say that my texture work is a good showcase of this."

How would you describe your art?

"In regards to my own work, I'd say that I try to make the viewing of my pieces an experience. I try to make my pieces visually engaging, and I take pride in my attention to detail within my art."

BRINGING BACK SNOW DAZE

BRYCE PARR

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Pictured Above: 1978 Winter Carnival royalty Chancellor Bob "Oscar" Meyer and Mary "Lou" Rohrbach.

The Dunn County Historical Society is bringing back a longstanding University of Wisconsin-Stout tradition. Located at the The Russell J. Rassbach Heritage Museum, the organization is hosting a Snow Ball reminiscent of the classic Snow Daze Winter Carnival at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10.

Starting in 1953 and held every year until 1984, students took part in discos, bowling tournaments, ski trips, and car races on Lake Menomin during the Snow Daze Winter Carnival. The carnival also held an election for Snow King and Queen with representatives from each hall. Our own UW-Stout Chancellor Bob "Oscar" Meyer was even crowned royalty alongside Mary "Lou" Rohrbach in 1978.

The carnival was the student community's way of keeping energy high during Wisconsin's cold winters. "The mood on campus was electric. By the time February rolled around, the campus was ready for an event that made a break from the doldrums of winter," Meyer said.

Meyer and Rohrbach were RAs for HKMC. "HKMC had a long-running tradition of demonstrating the energy and spirit of being Stout Proud through its participation with Homecoming events and Snow Daze events," Chancellor Meyer said. He claimed that Rohrbach carried them to success. "She was a class act," he said.

Although this year's Snow Ball won't feature any campus events, the Thunderman, a rock band formed in 1959, will be headlining the night.

Attendees are encouraged to dress up for the party. Prizes will be awarded to the best-dressed attendee and the attendee with the best vintage outfit.

The evening event will also offer drawings, contests, souvenir boutonnieres, dance demonstrations and a vintage clothing exhibit.

"Not only will this be a great party, but it fits perfectly with our mission," Museum Director Frank Smoot said in a press release, "What does a museum do? It shows people how we got here, and helps make the past come alive." •

Tickets are $20 each, which includes a year-long museum membership. Beer and wine will be sold at the event as well.

MILWAUKEE RAPPER WEBSTER X TAKES OVER MSC TERRACE

JASMINE BAKER

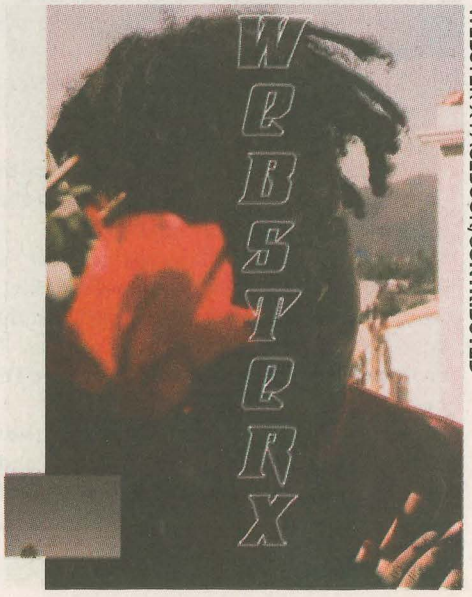
The negative temperatures may be forcing people to stay in at night, but that didn't stop students from attending Blue Devil Production's (BDP) second musical production of the semester. On Thursday, Feb. 2, supporting act John Chuck and The Class opened for budding artist Webster X with their unique twist on hip hop/rap.

Webster X, a Milwaukee native, brought his electro-vibe hip hop style to the Memorial Student Center Terrace, enlivening the crowd with a few of his popular hits, such as "Intuition" and "Skin." The up and coming rapper gained massive attention after dropping his 2015 single "Doomsday" that led up to the birth of his current album "Daymares."

Third-year student Chia Lor was one of many students attending. "The first two weeks of the spring semester have been really stressful, so it's nice to find events like these that can help you destress from life," Lor said, "I'm a fan of live music, and in general it's good to take this opportunity to attend a free show."

Alex Hines, another student and a recent fan, also expressed his input after the show. "It's great to find a black artist that I can listen to. It's great to promote diversity and black culture by bringing this kind of artist to our campus," he said, "I didn't know he was from Milwaukee, but that just makes him more relatable for me since I'm also from there."

The new music director of BDP, Bridget McLaughlin, enjoyed the overall results of the show. "It's awesome to see a lot of people come out and support good music while also having fun," McLaughin said. All of the artists' content can be found on Spotify and Youtube. •



WEBSTER X FACEBOOK/CONTRIBUTED

A WALKING, TALKING, PHOTO SHOOTING BLUE DEVIL HISTORY BOOK

LOGAN MYHRE

If you need to know something, anything, about the University of Wisconsin-Stout's athletic department, there's one man you go to. That man is UW-Stout's sports information director, Layne Pitt. Layne has been involved in informing people about UW-Stout sports for almost 40 years now, ever since he stepped foot on campus in 1978.

As the sports information director, Layne is basically the keeper of all things that have to do with UW-Stout athletics. His job entails writing news, previews, features, taking photographs, taking stats, filming games, assisting with social media, keeping the hall of fame records and countless other duties. Layne has around 15-20 students helping with some of these things, like taking photos or stats, whom he coordinates and oversees. Layne is the only full-time sports information employee.

Layne has always been interested in most of the things he does in his current position. He said that he got his love of sports from his father, so it has always been a constant interest throughout his life. He also loves history, not only in sports but American and world history as well. "I've always had a knack for memorizing stupid stuff," Layne said.

Don Steffen, UW-Stout's University editor, has known Layne since they were both students at UW-Stout. He described Layne as a "walking, talking Blue Devil history book." Steffen said that he also goes to Layne for the occasional advice on photography.

"I've yet to stump him with a question, though on the rare occasion he's had to look something up to answer," Steffen said.

Although Layne has an incredible wealth of sports knowledge, his favorite part of the job is the photography he gets to do.

"When I have the chance to grab a camera, that's almost like a sense of relief. I just love when I'm shooting, particularly sports," he said, "If they would say that I could only do one thing that would be it. I'd dump everything [else] in a minute."

Layne's passion for photography shows in his work. He captures intense and interesting moments during games. He said he has shot at a quite a few professional sports games like the Green Bay Packers, the Milwaukee Brewers, the Milwaukee Bucks, etc. He recalled one experience when he was shooting a Green Bay Packers game. He ended up getting run over by Packers cornerback Mark Lee on the sideline.

NATALIE BRUNS / STOUTONIA

Sports Information Director Layne Pitt is in his office on the second floor of the Johnson Fieldhouse. He has been in the same office throughout his time at UW-Stout.

Although he enjoys shooting photographs the most, his other duties are equally as important to the athletics department. "Layne is probably one of the most important pieces of gaining knowledge, getting knowledge and getting it out to the public so they can be a part of what we're doing," Athletic Director Duey Naatz said, "We'd be in trouble without him; he's irreplaceable."

Layne became involved with UW-Stout athletics when he transferred to the college in 1978 to study industrial education. He had previously been studying photography at Milwaukee Area Technical College. Once he came to UW-Stout, he immediately joined Stoutonia as a photographer, but would later branch into writing about sports as well.

"I got interested in journalism through Stoutonia really. I never planned to be a writer but English and writing always came fairly easily to me. Journalism was just a natural step," Layne said.

That step into journalism turned into a career. After Layne graduated from UW-Stout in 1981, he went to work at the Dunn County News, a local newspaper. He worked there for 11 years, writing and taking photographs, working his way up to an editor position as well. He stayed tuned in to Stout sports throughout this time.

In December of 1994, Layne returned to UW-Stout as the sports information director and has stayed in that position since. Layne noted that he has even been in the same office since 1994, although his job has changed quite a bit.

Layne outlined the various ways his job has changed as the digital age has continued to take over the way people consume media. He recalled having to develop photos in a dark room or send articles out by fax.

"I got rid of the fax machine probably five years ago," he said.

Layne built the first website for UW-Stout athletics himself, going to the Administrative Office and manually writing HTML code so that they could have team schedules online. Although the website has since been updated to include much more information, he still runs it.

Layne said the new way of doing things in the digital age is a double edged sword. Information is easier for him to obtain or send out to people through email, but people's appetite for information has increased as well. He noted that people want to see live streams of games; they want to know things as quickly as possible, which creates more work.

Both Naatz and Steffen had nothing but nice things to say about Layne, both saying that he is well respected professionally and great at what he does. "I think he's one of the best in the country at what he does. He has so much knowledge of sports and UW-Stout knowledge," Naatz said, "He is the ultimate professional in his field; he's awesome."

"[I have] a job where you get paid to watch sports. It's not brain surgery or rocket science, but it's enjoyable," Layne said, "I've been able to spend the last 40 years watching other people's kids play sports." ●

BALANCING SPORTS AND SCHOOL

EVAN THUE

The life of a University of Wisconsin-Stout athlete might seem hectic at times. It seems like life never stops moving when you're rushing from practice to class to a game later that night. For senior and UW-Stout basketball player Brandyn Christman, that's exactly what it's like.

"Right now I'm lucky enough being a senior that I only have 9 credits. But prior to this [season], it was never that simple," said Christman. He would go on to mention how he scheduled most of his classes earlier in the day, so that he would be able to work on and prioritize what was important by getting a jump start on the day.

Getting started right out of high school by getting into college and a college sport is never an easy task, Brandyn confirmed.

"It was difficult my freshman year because I was new to the college style, but I adjusted very [quickly]," he said.

Even after getting a couple years of school under his belt, Brandyn says that the last couple semesters have been a bit more difficult.

"The last couple semesters [I had] 18 credits, but I was still able to pull through and attain a 3.8 GPA," said Brandyn. This high GPA is remarkable because in order to continue playing sports at UW-Stout, all student athletes must maintain a 2.5 GPA (or a C average), which is not always the easiest thing to do when so much time is also dedicated to a sport.

Stout quarterback Jay Alston also finds that it can be challenging balancing a sport and academics. "I have found it tough to balance them both sometimes," he said, "There are times when I would get piled with homework, and that makes it tough when we have lifting in the mornings and football practice in the evenings".

Brandyn's advice for any UW-Stout athlete who is trying to balance homework with their sport is to stay organized, but more importantly to just be calm and relax and not put too much pressure on yourself.

"Prioritize, schedule around your classes (coaches understand) and just take a few breaths and relax. It will all work out eventually," Christman said.

Alston also had a few words of wisdom to say. He stressed to make sure you not only stay dedicated with your sport but with school as well.

"The school part gets you far in life, so always find time in the day to complete your studies and succeed in the classroom as well," he said. ●

ADRIAN PERALES / STOUTONIA

THE 'SCOPES

CAM "DON KNOTTS SUPERFAN" PARRUCCI

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Much like with Kendrick Lamar at the Grammys this year, you will be betrayed by Bruno Mars in the near future.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
A trip to the bars isn't complete without a good, long cry, right? Right?

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Your future holds many things, Gemini, most of which involve monster trucks, Dan Akroyd and a good old-fashioned bank heist.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Don't let the whole "6 more weeks of Winter" thing get you down, you were never going to go outside anyway.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
Be more assertive this week! Say what you want to say! Steal the Declaration of Independence, whatever!

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
You will be put in a life or death situation soon, and your only way out will be to become a Jake Paul-er. What are you gonna do?

Libra (September 23 - October 22)
Not many people have not read Harry Potter, and it's great that you insist on letting everyone you've ever met know that you haven't either.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
If you ever start to think that your entire life is a simulation, it's because it is. You need to find a way out and wake up. You are the chosen one.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)
Cancel all your appointments, your cousin Paul's fish died and he needs someone to say a eulogy while he plays "Amazing Grace" on his bass guitar.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)
The 1990s called, and they want their hairstyle back. Seriously, it disappeared off of the heads of everyone back in the 90s. How'd you do that?

Aquarius (January 20 - February 19)
Start drinking black coffee, you coward. If your grandparents can, so can you.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20)
Valentine's Day is coming up! Don't forget to get that crippling loneliness of yours a nice present to celebrate.

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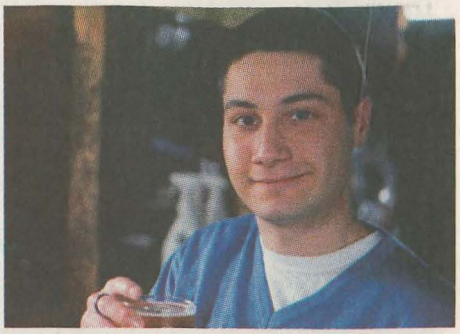

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Top 10 Ways to Befriend the FBI Agent Hiding in your Laptop

UW-STOUT OFFICIALLY LABELED A TIDE POD-FREE CAMPUS

CAMERON PARRUCCI

After weeks of heated debate between SSA, staff and board members, Chancellor Bob Meyer has declared University of Wisconsin-Stout a Tide Pod-free campus. In a statement made during a press conference, Meyer said this: "It is after heated debate between multiple parties here at UW-Stout that I am proud to announce this change. To keep our students' safety and health a priority, we have decided to ban Tide Pods from the university grounds."

Meyer went on to say, "We know there are many things young people can do that can endanger their well-being and health without moderation, like smoking, drinking or drugs. It is our responsibility, then, to protect our student body from this new threat. These squishy, colorful balls of detergent may look delicious, but should definitely not be consumed. We understand that some people do need to eat Tide Pods, and we will have Tide Pod eating stations on the corners of campus for those who do need it."

Some members of the community are happy with this change. One student, senior Trisha Anderson, had this to say: "This is a momentous occasion, not for just UW-Stout, but for the movement that will shake the rest of Wisconsin schools in the coming years. Hopefully, fewer people will be eating Tide Pods in the future."

Other students are much less ecstatic about the upcoming change. "This feels like a direct violation of my rights," says freshman Murray Gonzales, "Look at them. The beautiful shades of orange, blue and white are so tantalizing. They're basically just really big gushers anyway. First they take our Tide Pods, what's next?"

While we will not know for certain the lasting effects of the Tide Pod ban, the announcement itself has many students eyeing the future. •

CALENDAR

FEB. 5 - FEB. 19, 2018

Thurs. 2/8
Hot Chocolate Thursdays
Involvement Center
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thurs. 2/8
StoutCatholic: Escape Room
The Ministry (710 2nd St. E)
5-8 p.m.

Thurs. 2/8
BDP: Boson and Doubt
MSC Terrace
8 p.m.

Sat. 2/10
Snow Ball (dance)
Rassbach Museum
(1820 Wakanda St.)
7-11 p.m.

Sun. 2/11
Snowshoeing the Red Cedar Trail
Stout Adventures
9 a.m.

Mon. 2/12
Big Games Event
Ballroom C (MSC)
6-8 p.m.

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STOUT COMICS

BY ADRIAN PERALES

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